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(a) Minister, Dr. Antonin Gregor. Formerly judge of a district court in Moravia.(b) First Deputy Minister, Jan Soucek. Former Regional Secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Bohemia.FORM NO. 51-40
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(c) Second and Third Deputy Minister, Richard Dvorak. Dvorak is actually the Third Deputy Minister although he temporarily holds both the Second and Third Deputy Minister positions. He is particularly responsible for matters relating to Czech-USSR trade. In this connection, he works closely with Jan Fierlinger (see below). Dvorak is a member of the Czech Parliament.

(d) Fourth Deputy Minister, Dr Rudolf Margolius. He came to the Ministry in February 1948 from the State Planning Bureau.

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(e) Josef Pommer. Chief of the Third Section (Import).

(f) Jan Fierlinger. Chief of the USSR Section. This section is closely supervised by the Minister himself.

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(g) Josef Jelinek. Chief of the Eighth Section (Capitalistic States A).

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(h) Dr (fnr) Svec. Former Commercial Counselor of the Czechoslovak Embassy in London. Svec spent more than two years with the Embassy in England and was Commercial Counselor until the autumn of 1950.

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(i) Dr (fnr) Taufer. Chief of the Ninth Section (Capitalistic States B). Taufer, who came to the Ministry early in 1951, recently spent about two months in Paris negotiating the new Czechoslovak-French trade agreement.

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(j) Ing Miroslav Maruska. aide of Dr Taufer
He heads the Benelux Department and often travels to these countries.

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(k) Dr Frantisek Cada. Chief of the Eleventh Section (Personnel and Maintenance), and also Special Security Aide to Minister Gregor. This latter function is concerned with the execution of all security regulations of the Ministry and the responsibility for handling top secret documents and maintaining Ministry safes. In his function as Chief of the Eleventh Section, he is responsible for the maintenance of the offices and for the budget of the Ministry.

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(l) Josef Majer. First Assistant to the Chief of the Tenth Section (Cadres) and head of the "Cadres of the Ministry Department" in the Tenth Section. He is a recent arrival at the Ministry.

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(m) Jan Jezek. Head of the US-Canadian Department. He is a recent arrival at the Ministry, having formerly been employed by the Monopoly Export Company for Ceramic Products.

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(n) Dr Gustav Svatov. He has worked at the United States Desk for more than two years and is the person on whom Jezek is dependent.

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(o) Rudka Pallova. Canadian Desk worker.

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(p) Antonin Danek. Head of the British Department. Danek came to the Ministry in the summer of 1951 and is now (September 1951) in London

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(q) Ing Ivan Sronek. Commercial Aide to the Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United States. After the recall of other commercial personnel, he remained the only useful and valuable commercial aide to the Czechoslovak Ambassador in Washington. Sronek, who has been in the US since the autumn of 1948, will soon be replaced and recalled to Czechoslovakia.

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(r) Dr Miroslav Mares. Commercial Attaché in Canada since 1948.

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(s) Ing (fnu) Niederle. Niederle and another person departed for the US in May or June of 1951 to serve as members of the Commercial Department of the Embassy. However, neither is nor ever was an employee of the Ministry of Foreign Trade or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These two men do not communicate with the United States-Canadian Department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, but exclusively with First Deputy Minister Jan Bouček, and then only by diplomatic courier or code. Both served on the Advisory Board of Skoda Works.

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(t) Josef Janek, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade after Mr. Evzen Loebl's arrest. Prior to his appointment to the Ministry, he held executive positions in various Communist Party business enterprises and was one of the directors of Svcoboda, the largest Party publishing and printing company in Prague. He was appointed Minister of Light Industry when that Ministry was established and in the governmental reorganization of September 1951, he was named to head the Ministry of General Engineering. He was the first Minister who was not a member of Parliament.

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2. [redacted] the name of the present Chief of the Tenth Section (Cadre), who arrived at the Ministry recently to replace Dr J Hruza. His position is one of the most important in the Ministry because he is responsible for all personnel. His department collects detailed information about each person in the Ministry and is responsible for sending Ministry employees abroad. The Chief of the Tenth Section is also in direct contact with the Ministry of National Security and with the Cadre Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

3. A Fifth Deputy Minister should be appointed to head the Tenth and Eleventh Sections, but since the "Deputy Minister" positions were established, this position has been vacant.

4. Until the arrest of First Deputy Minister Evzen Loebl, it had been rumored that Minister Dr Antonin Gregor was merely the nominal head of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and that Loebl actually controlled the Ministry. Since that time, however, Dr Gregor has had full powers. Next to Dr Gregor, Jan Soucek is considered to be the most powerful and influential member of the Ministry. However, there are still some members of the Ministry who consider Soucek to be its real head.

5. Only those ministries which are headed by non-Communists (e.g., Health, Post, Transport, Building Industry) are under the actual control of Communist deputies. All other ministries headed by Communists are under the control of the Minister.

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